# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING
T-10275, Marion County	)	ADDITIONAL POINTS OF
	)	APPROPRIATION

## Authority

ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, place of use, or character of use authorized under an existing water right. OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

# **Applicants**

Mary B. Spada and Arthur Spada, Trustees of the Mary B. Spada Living Trust Arthur Spada and Mary B. Spada, Trustees of the Arthur Spada Living Trust 7251 St. Paul Hwy. NE St. Paul, OR 97137-9729

### **Findings of Fact**

### Background

- On December 4, 2006, Baker West Inc. filed an application to add five points of appropriation under Certificate 42108. The Department assigned the application number T-10275.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on December 19, 2006, pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On June 7, 2007, Baker West, Inc. assigned all of their interest in Transfer Application T-10275 to Mary S. Spada and Arthur Spada Living Trust.
- 4. On June 11, 2007, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-10275 to the original applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination set forth a deadline of July 13, 2007, for the applicant to respond. On June 15, 2007, information about the transfer, including a transfer map was faxed to Angelo Spada. The newly assigned applicants requested additional time to respond to the draft Preliminary Determination because of a property ownership boundary line issue and the Department extended the deadline for response to the draft Preliminary Determination to January 9, 2008, and subsequently extended to June 10, 2008.

This final order is subject to judicial review by the Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.482(1). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-003-0675, you may petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

5. On June 23, 2008, the current applicants submitted a revised application and map to reflect a minor acreage change in the SW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 18, T. 4S, R. 1W, W.M., and to correctly identify the proposed wells.

6. The portion of the right to be transferred, as revised, is as follows:

Certificate: 42108 in the name of ERSEL E. CHRISTOPHERSON (perfected under

Permit G-3485)

Use: IRRIGATION of 189.0 ACRES

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 21, 1966

Rate: 1.64 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (cfs)

Limit/Duty: ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cfs per acre, not to exceed 2.5 acre-feet per acre

for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year

**Source:** A WELL in the RYAN CREEK BASIN

**Authorized Point of Appropriation:** 

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Survey Coordinates
4 S	1 W	WM	18	SE SE	DLC 62	2380 feet South and 950 feet East from the NW
						corner of Cone DLC 62

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Acres
4 S	1 W	WM	17	SW NW	62	1.5
4 S	1 W	WM	17	NW SW	62	6.4
4 S	1 W	WM	17	SW SW	62	7.2
4 S	1 W	WM	18	SW NE	62	9.1
4 S	1 W	WM	18	SE NE	62	18.4
4 S	1 W	WM	18	SE SW	62	1.7
4 S	1 W	WM	18	NE SE	62	40.0
4 S	1 W	WM	18	NW SE	62	24.8
4 S	1 W	WM	18	SW SE	62	30.7
4 S	1 W	WM	18	SE SE	62	38.0
4 S	1 W	WM	19	NE NE	62	8.4
4 S	1 W	WM	19	NW NE	62	2.8

7. Transfer Application T-10275 proposes to add five authorized points of appropriation located less than ½ mile from the existing point of appropriation, as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Survey Coordinates	Approximate Distance from Authorized POA
4 S	1 W	WM	18	SW SE	62	WELL 2: 0 feet South and 1580 feet East	1050 feet
						from the SW corner of Cone DLC 62	Southwest
4 S	1 W	WM	18	SW SE	62	WELL 3: 760 feet North and 370 feet	1250 feet
						East from the SW corner of Cone DLC 62	Northwest
4 S	1 W	WM	18	NW SE	62	WELL 4: 1500 feet North and 720 feet	2300 feet
						East from the SW corner of Cone DLC 62	Northwest
4 S	1 W	WM	18	SW NE	62	WELL 5: 180 feet South and 360 feet	2050 feet
						East from the NW corner of Cone DLC 62	Northeast

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Survey Coordinates	Approximate Distance from Authorized POA
4 S	1 W	WM	17	SW NW	62	WELL 6: 850 feet South and 2260 feet East from the NW corner of Cone DLC 62	1500 feet West

- 8. On June 30, 2008, a *revised* draft Preliminary Determination was sent by email to the current applicants and their agent, noting the difference between the name of the trust that the T-10275 application had been assigned to and the two legally recognized trusts that are owners of the property. The current applicants requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that they are authorized to pursue the transfer.
- 9. On July 3, 2008, the recorded Assignment was corrected to properly reflect that the transfer application is assigned to: Mary B. Spada and Arthur Spada, Trustees of the Mary B. Spada Living Trust, as to an undivided 62% interest; and Arthur Spada and Mary B. Spada, Trustees of the Arthur Spada Living Trust, as to an undivided 38% interest. The current applicants are the owners of the property included in Transfer Application T-10275.
- 10. On July 21, 2008, the Department issued a Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer T-10275 and mailed a copy to the applicants. Additionally, notice of the Preliminary Determination for the transfer application was published on the Department's weekly notice on July 29, 2008, and in the Statesman Journal newspaper on July 31, August 7 and 14, 2008, pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4020. No protests were filed in response to the notices.

#### Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

- 11. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right, and no evidence is available that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 12. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right is present.
- 13. At least one-quarter of the irrigated lands on the subject certificate are now planted in nursery stock rather than traditional field crops, which raises the concern that water use may have increased over time and may continue to increase if additional lands are converted to nursery stock. If conditioned as follows, the proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 14. Development of the groundwater resource over time has led to summer water-level drawdowns that now approach 70 feet in the area, which has led to water use regulation in the area. The Department believes the local alluvial aquifer system may be near its capacity to provide year-round water to all users in the area. Further, the authorized well is near the

center of the irrigated lands, but the proposed wells are located around the margins, adjacent to neighboring properties. If conditioned as follows, the proposed change is not expected to result in injury to other water rights.

#### Conclusions of Law

The additional five points of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-10275 are consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000.

## Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- 1. The additional five points of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-10275 are approved.
- 2. Water right certificate 42108 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
- 3. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described, and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 42108 and any related decree.
- 4. Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (ground water source) as the original point of appropriation.
- 5. The quantity of water diverted at the additional points of appropriation, together with that diverted at the original point of appropriation, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation.
- 6. Prior to diverting water at the new point of appropriation, the water user shall install and maintain, at each new well and at the existing well, an in-line flow meter or other suitable device for measuring and recording the quantity of water appropriated. The type and plans of the measuring devices must be approved by the Department prior to beginning construction and shall be installed under the general supervision of the Department. The water user shall maintain and operate the measuring device as required by the Department.
- 7. The water user shall allow the watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices; provided however, where the meter(s) or measuring device(s) is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- 8. The approved change shall be completed and full beneficial use of the water shall be made on or before **October 1, 2009**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.

9.	When satisfactory proof of the completed change is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.
Dat	ted at Salem, Oregon this 6th day of September 2008.

Phillip C. Ward, Director

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